

REMARKS:

This communication is in response to the detailed office action dated November 26, 2004, wherein the Examiner objected to claim 9, and rejected claims 1-8 and 10-12. Claim 9 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 1-4, 8, and 10 were rejected as being anticipated by Jung (Koren Patent Document 2000-0004766). Claims 5-7 and 11-2 were rejected as being unpatentable over Jung in view of Kohlpaintner *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,484,184).

The Examiner objected to claim 9 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. As suggested by the Examiner, the Applicant has amended claim 9 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and the intervening claim. Therefore, claim 9 is now in allowable form.

The Examiner also rejected claims 1-4, 8, and 10 as being anticipated by Jung. The rejection is respectfully traversed. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to clarify the invention and does not add any new subject matter. The Examiner states that Jung discloses each limitation and element of the claims, including a decoration cover in Jung's reference number 42. The Applicant respectfully disagrees. As described by the English language abstract of Jung, reference number 42 is a combining member that couples an unnamed part (reference number 40) to a diffraction link (reference number 18). In contrast, the decoration cover as recited in amended claims 1 and 10 is coupled to the lateral surface of the support rail, but does not couple together two or more parts.

Further, as recited in amended claims 1 and 10, the decoration cover has a predetermined length and height configured and dimensioned for concealing the opening/closing mechanism. See claims 1 and 10, and Specification, paragraph [0016]. In contrast, Jung only shows a coupler that does not conceal. See Jung, page 9-8. Thus, independent claims 1 and 10, including the decoration cover coupled to the support rail and with a predetermined length and height configured and dimensioned for concealing the opening/closing mechanism, are not anticipated by Jung and are in allowable form. Claims 2-4 and 8, which depend from claim 1, are also in allowable form.

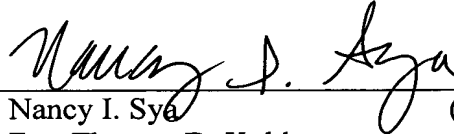
The rejection to claims 5-7 and 11-12 as obvious is also traversed. Jung combined with Kohlpaintner *et al.* does not teach each and every limitation of claims 5-7 and 11-12. As explained above, Jung does not disclose a decoration member that conceals the opening/closing mechanism. The addition of Kohlpaintner *et al.* does not remedy this

deficiency. Kohlpaintner *et al.* does disclose a screen (reference 4 in Kohlpaintner *et al.*). “To cover a visible gap on the side,...a screen...is provided.” Kohlpaintner *et al.*, col. 2, lines 54-58. Unlike the decoration member in the instant invention, the screen in Kohlpaintner *et al.* is not disclosed to conceal the opening/closing mechanism. Moreover, Jung teaches away from being combined with Kohlpaintner *et al.* Jung states as its purpose, “to reduce the number of components and increase working efficiency...” Jung, Purpose. To include a screen component would increase the number of components rather than reduce the number of components of a sunroof. Therefore, the combination of Jung with Kohlpaintner *et al.* is not obvious, and claims 5-7 and 11-12 are in allowable form.

Should the Examiner have any continuing objections or concerns, the Examiner is respectfully asked to contact the undersigned at 415-442-1106 in order to expedite allowance of this case. Authorization is granted to charge any outstanding fees due at this time for the continued prosecution of this matter to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (matter no. 060945-0148).

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